GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:694
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SERVICE TAX
Kamat Shri Gurudas

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether traders have launched a nationwide strike to protest against service tax imposed by the centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the traders all over the country are miffed with the decision of the Government; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b) No, Sir.

(c) Traders have been protesting against the shifting of liability of payment of service tax in certain situations, from Service Provider to the Service Receiver, in case of Goods Transport Agency Services.

(d) A Committee comprising representatives of department, transport agencies and traders has been constituted to look into the matter and suggest remedial measures.